

Application No.: 10/802,544

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-33 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 have been cancelled. Claims 19-20 and 22-33 have been withdrawn pending the allowance of generic claim 10. Claims 10-18 and 21 are rejected.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because there is no Brief Summary of the Invention in the specification. With regard to the Office Action's objection regarding a Summary of the Invention, Applicants submit that the Summary of the Invention section is optional under §608.01(d), and as such Applicants choose not to include it.

In Brief Description of the Drawings, there Office Action alleges there is no description for Figures 2a and 2b. In this Amendment, the specification is amended to overcome this objection.

In addition, the Office Action objects to Figures 7 and 8 as they need to be labeled separately to distinguish one another. Applicants seek clarification of this objection, as Figures 7 and 8 are labeled individually as such on separate pages.

Lastly, the title of the invention is objected to as being not descriptive. To comply with the Examiner's request, a new title has been submitted with this amendment.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C §102

Claims 10-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tsujino et al., (hereinafter "Tsujino"), US PAT. 6,034,843.

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Applicants submit the cited references do not teach, suggest or disclose “[a] method for manufacturing a magnetic head arm assembly (HAA) comprising: ... providing an actuator coil assembly, said actuator coil assembly having a first mating portion and a second mating portion...” (e.g., as described in claim 10)

The Office Action asserts element 21 of Tsujino describes an actuator coil assembly, said actuator coil assembly having a first mating portion and a second mating portion. (See Office Action, page 3, paragraph 6). Applicants disagree.

Element 21 of Tsujino is described as a “comb type actuator arm”. Figure 2 of is intended to show a “perspective view of the comb type actuator arm assembly 21”. (See column 1, lines 45-46). In other words, the Office Action is alleging the entire structure 21 shown and described in Figure 2 is the alleged equivalent of the “actuator coil assembly” of embodiments of the present application. However, Applicants note that the element 13, or the “head/suspension assembly” 13 (the alleged equivalent of the “head gimbal assembly” of claim 10) is manufactured as part of the comb type actuator arm 21. Figure 2 clearly shows element 13 is a part of the total structure 21. This is in direct contrast to the specific description of the embodiment of claim 10, which describes the head gimbal assembly and the actuator coil assembly as two separate structures, to be manufactured independently, and coupled together during the manufacturing process. See claim 10.

Applicants submit neither element 13 nor the larger element 21 describe the head gimbal assembly nor the actuator coil assembly described in independent claim 1. Moreover, Applicants note that the Office Action fails to cite a portion of Tsujino describing the actuator coil assembly “having a first mating portion and a second mating portion” limitation altogether. Applicants

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submit this is for good reason. As described above, unlike the embodiment of claim 10, element 13 ("head/suspension assembly") of Tsujino is part of the greater element 21 ("comb type actuator assembly"), and therefore there is no need for mating portions. Tsujino is not intended for independent manufacture and subsequent mating. Therefore, Applicants submit element 21 ("comb type actuator assembly") cannot be the equivalent of the "actuator coil assembly" as described in embodiments of the present application.

Therefore, since each and every element of claim 10 is not taught, suggested or disclosed by the cited references, Applicant respectfully submits that the §102(b) rejection is lacking and should be withdrawn. Claims 11-18 and 21 depend from and further define allowable independent claim 10 and therefore are allowable as well.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C §103

Claims 14-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated over Tsujino et al., in view of Foisy et al. (hereinafter "Foisy"), US PAT. 6,061,206. Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsujino et al. in view of Foisy et al., and further in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art ("AAPA").

Claims 14-18 depend from claim 10, and the rejection of claim 10 based upon Tsujino fails for at least the reasons described above. Foisy fails to make up for the deficiencies of Tsujino. Foisy describes a head stack assembly for mounting to a pivot bearing cartridge in a disk drive, and does not describe any element equivalent to the "actuator coil assembly" of independent claim 10. Similarly, the AAPA does not describe any element similar to the actuator coil assembly of independent claim 10 as well. Therefore, similar to the 102(b) rejections, the

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§103(a) rejections should be withdrawn as well.

It is believed that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

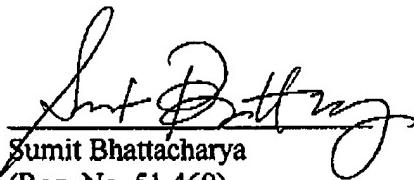
If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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